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Title: Pool Table Slate Lifter

Docket No.: 31193-UT

Filed: October 12, 2001

Examiner: D. Shanley

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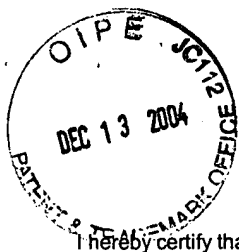
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Appl. No. : 09/977,734
Applicant : Kerry Rhodes
Filed : October 12, 2001
Title : POOL TABLE SLATE LIFTER
TC/A.U. : 3723
Examiner : Robert C. Watson

Docket No. : 31193-UT
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In response to the Final Office Action of October 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.